

**Child Care and Development Fund**  
**FACT SHEET**  
*October, 2006*  
*Montana*

## **Caseload**

- 5,566 children were served this month in this program
- 3,250 families received subsidies for childcare through this program
- 10.7% of the families entered the program during this period
- Yellowstone County accounted for 23.4% of all families served

## **Children**

- 87.5% of children were served in licensed care
- 10.1% of children were cared for by relatives
- Children under 1 year of age were in child care an average of 136 hours per month
- School-age children (ages 6 and older) constitute 27.1% of all children served
- White children accounted for 81.1% of all children served

## **Families**

- 86.2% of families received subsidies because of employment
- 100.0% of families had copayments, at an average of 3.9% of income
- The average number of children served per family was 1.7
- 86.8% of families were headed by a single parent
- 13.3% of families listed TANF as a source of income

## **Expenditures**

- The average cost of care this month per child was \$348 (monthly subsidy + parent fee)
- Parents paid 9.9% of the cost and the program paid 90.1%
- Average monthly expenditures for children under 1 year of age was \$411
- Average monthly expenditures for school-age children (ages 6 and older) was \$227
- 82.4% of total expenditures were for children under 6 years of age

## **Counties**

- The highest average cost of care was in Granite County at \$651 per child
- Madison County ranks first in relative care statewide with 66.7% of all children cared for by relatives.